## Teaching Darwinian Evolution Objectively

The Problem: Much of the evidence that supports the Darwinian evolution theory which is taught in our public schools is controversial. The Mount Vernon City Schools do not offer a place in the curricula to scientifically and critically examine this theory. In fact, at this time there is confusion among some MVCS science teachers over whether they are even allowed to encourage critical scientific thinking on evolution, even though it is considered excellent scientific reasoning to do so with any other controversial science theories (such as the particle versus wave theories on light).

Proposal: Add a policy statement to the MVCS science curricula that allows teachers / students to critically examine the evidence both for and against evolution. A suggested policy statement is attached below for the school board to consider.

### What does the law say:

- According to an attachment on the Federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, "Where topics are taught that may generate controversy, (such as biological evolution) the curriculum should help students to understand the full range of scientific views that exist, why such topics may generate controversy,..." (Dec.13, 2001, House Report No. 107-334).
- \* Teach the Controversy, part of the attachment, states that science teachers should be required to teach Darwin's theory of evolution, including evidence both for and against it.
- The Ohio State Board of Education voted 18-0 to adopt the new Science Standards on December 10th, 2002, which states for its Grade 10 indicator 23: "Describe how scientists continue to investigate and critically analyze aspects of evolutionary theory."
- ★ The Mt. Vernon Board of Education has the following policy: The students have the right -
  - 1) to study political, economic, social, and moral controversial issues;
  - 2) to have access to relevant information regarding these issues;
  - 3) to study in an atmosphere of freedom from bias and prejudices.
  - 4) to form and express opinions on controversial issues.

(See Program 2240\p.1of1)

## What do people in Ohio say about this?

82% of Ohioans want evolution to be able to be questioned in the schools, according to a poll by the Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, published in the Plain Dealer, June 9, 2002.

Fifty-two Ohio scientists signed a press release on March 20, 2002 affirming that students should be permitted to learn scientific evidence both for and against controversial theories such as evolution. The statement read that a science curriculum should encourage critical thinking and not censor it. (Issued by Science Excellence for All Ohioans. See <a href="https://www.sciohio.org/start.htm">www.sciohio.org/start.htm</a>)

Nationwide, 100 highly credentialed scientists recently signed a statement that included this: "Careful examination of the evidence for Darwinian theory should be encouraged." (published by the Discovery Institute, Seattle, WA; See <a href="https://www.intelligentdesignnetwork.org/Polls.PDF">www.intelligentdesignnetwork.org/Polls.PDF</a>)

Please see the attached suggested policy statement.

# A Suggestion to the Mount Vernon City School Board for an Objective Origins Science Policy:

This policy encourages objectivity, critical thinking and discussion of the full range of scientific views regarding origins as contemplated by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

(This statement and the policy itself copied from <a href="https://www.intelligentdesignnetwork.org/TeachingResources.htm#List%20of%20questions">www.intelligentdesignnetwork.org/TeachingResources.htm#List%20of%20questions</a>)

# OBJECTIVE ORIGINS SCIENCE POLICY(1)

# BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING POLICY IS HEREBY ADOPTED FOR USE WITHIN THE \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL DISTRICT:

It is the intent of this Board that to enhance the effectiveness of science education and to promote academic freedom and the neutrality of state government with respect to teachings that touch religious and nonreligious beliefs, it is necessary and desirable that science which seeks to explain the origins of life and its diversity (origins science), be conducted and taught objectively and without religious, naturalistic, or philosophic bias or assumption. To further this intent, the instructional program provided by schools within this district shall do all of the following:

- (A) Encourage the presentation of scientific evidence regarding the origins of life and its diversity objectively and without religious, naturalistic, or philosophic bias or assumption;
- (B) Require that whenever explanations regarding the origins of life and its diversity are presented, appropriate explanation and disclosure shall be provided regarding the historical nature of origins science and the use of any material assumption which may have provided a basis for the explanation being presented;
- (C) Encourage the development of curriculum that will help students think critically about the claims of evolutionary theory, understand the full range of scientific views that exist regarding the origins of life and its diversity, and understand why origins science may generate controversy.

<sup>1.</sup> The policy is nearly identical to the provisions of HB 481, a proposal pending in the Ohio House of Representatives as of July 27, 2002. A Technical Explanation of this policy may be found at <a href="http://www.IntelligentDesignnetwork.org/schoolpolicyexplanation.htm">http://www.IntelligentDesignnetwork.org/schoolpolicyexplanation.htm</a>.



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# QUIZ GIRAFFE + WOODPECKER

#1 HOW LONG IS THE HEART OF THE GIRAFFE?

#2 WHY DOES A GIRAFFE NEED SUCH A STRONG, BIG HEART?

#3 WHY DOESN'T THE GIRAFFE HEAD BLOW UP WHEN HE PUTS HIS HEAD DOWN?

#4 IS THE GIRAFFE A TRANSITIONAL FORM?
(CIRCLE) YES OR NO

#5 WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE BEAK OF A BIRD THAT WAS EVOLVING INTO A WOODPECKER?

#6 THE WOODPECKER HAS BEHIND HIS BEAK A SPECIAL TO ABSORB THE SHOCK.

**#7 WOODPECKERS FEET LOOK LIKE WHAT?** 

#8 WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A WOODPECKER TONGUE AND OTHER BIRDS?

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## QUIZ HAVE FUN!!!!!!

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#2- HOW DOES THE ANGLER FISH EAT? FISHING POP WITH BAIT AND A
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#3- WHERE ARE THE EGGS WHEN THEY HATCH FROM AN ANGLER FISH?  SULFACE OF THE OCEAN
#4- CAN DEAD THINGS EVOLVE?
#5- AN ANGLER FISH LACKS A SWM BOLDON LIKE OTHER FISH HAVE TO STAY BOUYANT.
#6- COULD AN ANGLER FISH EVOLVE? EXPLAIN (OPMON ANGUEL)
#7- THE EGG OF A CHICKEN HAS ABOUT 10,000 TINY HOLES / POPES.
#8- IN THE FIRST FEW DAYS AFTER THE EGG IS LAID, TWO BLOOD VESSELS (MCMBRANE)
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#11- DID THIS EGG EVOLVE OVER MILLIONS OF YEARS ? EXPLAIN (NO CORRECT ANSWER - YOUR OPINION.)

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### **Dragon History**

Dragon History - Universal Concept in Ancient Cultures
Dragon history is nearly universal throughout the world's ancient
cultures. Where did this global concept originate? How did societies
throughout the world describe, record, draw, etch, sew and carve such
creatures in such uniformity, if they did not witness these creatures
during their lifetimes?

Dragon History - Dinosaurs Revealed

Dragon history can be summed up as follows: "The dragons of legend are strangely like actual creatures that have lived in the past. They are much like the great reptiles (dinosaurs), which inhabited the earth long before man is supposed to have appeared on earth." (Knox Wilson, "Dragon", The World Book Encyclopedia, Vol. 5, 1973, pg. 265.)

In light of that statement from *The World Book Encyclopedia*, many people don't realize that paleontology (the study of past geological ages based primarily on the study of fossils) is a relatively new science. In fact, the concept of dinosaurs (giant lizards) only surfaced in its present form less than 180 years ago. Prior to that, anyone who found a large fossilized bone assumed it came from an elephant, dragon or giant. There wasn't any notion of "science" attached to these finds.

It wasn't until 1841 that English scientist Richard Owens suggested that the group of "newly discovered" animals be called "dinosaurs," which literally means "terrible lizards." Throughout the next few decades, the first artist depictions of dinosaurs were actually comical when compared to what we can scientifically discern today. How then, do pottery, linens, cave paintings, and written descriptions of "dragons" from 2,000 to 4,000 years ago depict dinosaurs better than what science could muster in the mid-1800's?

Dragon

accounts from China, Europe, the Middle East, and ancient Latin America share similar accounts of "dragons" and other beasts. Some cultures revered these creatures. For instance, records of Marco Polo in China show that the royal house kept dragons for ceremonies, and records of the Greek historian Herodotus and the Jewish historian Josephus describe flying reptiles in ancient Egypt and Arabia. In other cultures, it was a great honor to kill these creatures. There are numerous records of warriors killing great beasts in order to establish credibility in a village. Gilgamesh, Fafnir, Beowulf and other famous legends, including the mythology of Egypt, Greece and Rome, include specific descriptions

of dragons and other dinosaur-like creatures.

Dragon history is revealed on numerous objects of ancient art throughout the world. Dinosaur-like creatures are featured on Babylonian landmarks, Roman mosaics, Asian pottery and royal robes, Egyptian burial shrouds and government seals, Peruvian burial stones and tapestries, Mayan sculptures, Aboriginal and Native American petroglyphs (carved rock drawings), and many other pieces of ceremonial art throughout ancient cultures. What does all this evidence really mean? Please keep reading

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# Dinosaur Fossils - Age Old Debate

Dinosaur Fossils: Some Definitions

The term "Dinosaur Fossils" comes from three Latin words: Deinos, meaning "great;" Sauros, meaning "lizard;" and Fossilis, meaning "dug up." Therefore, dinosaur fossil literally means "great, lizard that was dug up." British anatomist Sir Richard Owen (1804-1892) coined the word "dinosaur" in 1841.

Dinosaur Fossils: Early Discoveries

A British fossil finder and ecclesiastic, William Buckland (1784-1856), discovered the first dinosaur fossil remains of our modern times. In 1819, Buckland discovered the Megalosaurus Bucklandil (Buckland's Giant Lizard) in England. It was given its name in 1824. Prior to this, Reverend Plot had found a huge femur bone as early as 1676 in England. It was thought to belong to a giant. R. Brookes published a report on Plot's find in 1763. Authorities suggest it may actually have belonged to a dinosaur. However, with the discovery of glant human skeletal remains ranging from 8 feet to 12 feet-tall around the world in the last few hundred years, many believe the Plot femur may have belonged to a very tall human. In 1838, William Parker Foulke found the first (nearly) complete dinosaur fossil remains in New Jersey, USA. Since Buckland's original discovery in 1819, approximately 330 different dinosaur genera have been discovered thus far.

Dinosaur Fossils: Sedimentary Rock

Dinosaur fossils, as with other fossils, are found throughout earth's sedimentary layers. To date, approximately 95.0% of all earth's fossil remains are marine invertebrates, 4.74% are plants, 0.25% are land invertebrates (including insects), and 0.0125% are vertebrates. Of the vertebrates, the majority are fish. Moreover, 95% of all land vertebrates found consist of less than one bone. However, billions of fossils have been found. Up to as many as 1,200 dinosaur skeletons have been discovered thus far. Sedimentary rock (sandstone, siltstone, shale, limestone, etc) is laid down by moving water, layer upon layer, in a process known as hydrologic sorting. Animals whose fossil remains are found must have been caught in this running water to have been buried and preserved. The remains would be sorted by density just as the rocks were. If not buried, the carcass would rot or be scavenged. Fossil remains of clams (found in the closed position, indicating they were buried alive) have been found atop Mt. Everest. Sedimentary layers and fossil remains seem to be a testimony to a past marine cataclysm. There are nearly 300 surviving Flood Legends passed down by ancient civilizations. Some suggest Noah's Flood.

Dinosaur Fossils: Age of the Dinosaurs

Dinosaur fossils were once thought to be millions of years old. This age was based upon the geologic column. The geologic column dates fossils by the rocks in which they are found, and dates rocks by the fossils they contain. Critics insist this is circular reasoning. "The intelligent layman has long suspected circular reasoning in the use of rocks to date fossils and fossils to date rocks" (J.E. O'Rourke, "American Journal of Science," 1976, 276:51). Furthermore, the geologic column assumes uniformity, which has come to be disproved by such geologic features as poly-strata fossils, misplaced fossils, missing layers, and misplaced layers (such as layers in reverse order, or "ancient" layers found several layers above "modern" layers). Most recently, advocates of an "Old Earth" turn to

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Radiometric <u>Dating</u> to prove dinosaurs to be ancient. Though they cannot date the dinosaur remains themselves, they can date rocks buried near the dinosaur remains. This is not accepted by many authorities as valid, as Radiometric Dating is based upon controversial assumptions held to be erroneous by many scholars, as indicated by empirical research. Dinosaurs are assumed to be millions of years old. Many now purpose they died off in recent times and are responsible for the myriad of dragon myths. This has come to be a popular theory with such discoveries as the Ica Stones, the Glenn Rose tracks, etc. In addition, human remains have been found buried with dinosaur remains on more than one occasion. It may be that man hunted dinosaurs to extinction.

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Dinosaur Extinction



# Dinosaur Extinction -

Dinosaur Extinction: Another Theory

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the last couple of centuries, "science" (as we know it) would be turned
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### Dinosaur Extinction: The Evidence

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Dinosaur Extinction: The Theory
Dinosaur Extinction is a recent phenomenon. Many of the great sea and
land monsters went extinct in a global flood about 4400 years ago. Some
of these creatures survived and inhabited earth with man, until they too
went extinct as man killed them for sport, safety, and expansion (like
black bears in Florida and bison in the Western U.S.). We know this
theory is revolutionary to many

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- 7. Behemoth, Leviathan and the Dragons of the Bible. Job writes of great creatures, Behemoth and Leviathan, nearly 4000 years ago. Although more recent Bible translations use elephant, hippo or crocodile instead, the original Hebrew does not allow for these interpretations. The word "dragon" (Hebrew: tannin) is used numerous times in the Old Testament, and most directly translates as "sea or land monsters."
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